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SENATE BILL NO. 974

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 633.032, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to mental health waitlists for services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 633.032, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 633.032, to read as follows:

633.032. 1. The department of mental health shall develop a plan to address the needs of persons who are on a waitlist for services, including persons in habilitation centers waiting for community placement. Such plan shall reflect the partnership between persons with developmental disabilities and their families, community providers, and state officials, and shall support the choice and control of consumers and their families in the delivery of services and supports. Such plan shall include the following:

(1) A method to reduce the waitlist for services over a period of five years and to reduce the waiting period to ninety days;

(2) A description of minimum supports and services available to all eligible individuals and their families;

(3) An evaluation of the capacity of current providers to serve more individuals;

(4) A method of adjusting support and service levels based on the needs of the eligible individual combined with family or other relevant circumstances affecting the support of such individual;

(5) A method for determining the circumstances when out-of-home twenty-four-hour care may be necessary;

(6) A description of how the plan will be implemented on a statewide

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 basis;

21 (7) Any changes in state law that will be required to implement the plan;

22 and

23 (8) An analysis of the budgetary and programmatic effects of providing

24 supports and services for all eligible individuals and their families.

25 2. The plan required pursuant to this section shall be completed on or

26 before November [1, 2003] **first each year beginning November 1, 2007**. The

27 director of the department of mental health shall **annually** submit a copy of the

28 plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tem of the

29 senate, and the governor.

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